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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A dual hinged box wrench, comprising:

a first socket element having a plurality of teeth disposed between a first distal end and a second distal end; and

a second socket element having a plurality of teeth disposed between a third distal end and a fourth distal end, said first distal end of said first socket element engaging with said third distal end of said second socket element to form a first hinge, and said second distal end of said first socket element engaging with said fourth distal end of said second socket element to form a second hinge, whereby a socket cavity is formed thereby;

said first hinge and said second hinge comprising
dual hinges; and

a locking hinge pin in each of said first and second hinges.

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Claim 2. (original) The dual hinged box wrench in accordance with claim 1, wherein said first socket element comprises a portion of a handle.

Claim 3. (currently amended) The dual hinged box wrench in accordance with claim 2, wherein said portion of a said handle comprises a substantially square hole for receiving a ratchet, offset from the axis of said socket cavity, wherein said ratchet comprises one of the group: a handle and a lug attachment.

Claim 4. (original) A dual hinged, expandable and contractable box wrench, comprising:

a first socket element having a plurality of teeth disposed between a first distal end and a second distal end; and

a second socket element having a plurality of teeth disposed between a third distal end and a fourth distal end, said first distal end of said first socket element engaging with said third distal end of said second socket element to form a first hinge, and said second distal end of said first socket element engaging with said fourth distal end of said second socket element to form a second hinge, whereby a socket cavity is formed thereby, and further wherein said first distal end comprises an elongated arm that is slidably movable past said third distal end, whereby said socket cavity can be expanded and contracted to fit different nut and bolt sizes;

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said first hinge and said second hinge comprising
dual hinges; and

a locking hinge pin in each of said first and second hinges.

Claim 5. (original) The dual hinged box wrench in accordance with claim 4, wherein said first socket element comprises a portion of a handle.

Claim 6. (currently amended) The dual hinged box wrench in accordance with claim 5, wherein said portion of a said handle comprises a substantially square hole for receiving a ratchet offset from the axis of said socket cavity, wherein said ratchet comprises one of the group: a handle and a lug attachment.